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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

NIC #10248-82
17 December 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA
National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose ForcesSUBJECT : Speaking Invitation to the US Army Command and General
Staff College

1. We have received a telephonic invitation from the Commandant of the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for you to visit the College on 25 January 1983 and speak to a selected group (about 100) of students and faculty. The invitation is an outgrowth of your conversation with Generals Robinson and Stone [redacted] Lt. Gen. Stone is a former Commandant of the College and made a point, following your visit, to convey your expression of interest in the College to Lt. Gen. Merritt, his successor at Fort Leavenworth. 25X1

2. Lt. Gen. Merritt envisions offering you briefings on the College and its work during the afternoon and holding your talk (30-45 minutes) shortly before supper. Following that, you would join a smaller group for the evening meal and continue discussions. If you could arrive in time for lunch, he suggests you might enjoy joining some of the foreign students at that time and making a few remarks to them.

3. Fort Leavenworth is important to the Army in several respects. Not only is it the site of the Command and General Staff College, but it is the fountainhead of Army combined arms doctrinal development. Lt. Gen. Merritt is dual hatted as Deputy Commander of the US Army Training and Doctrine Command, responsible for the development and promulgation of such concepts as "Airland Battle" and their integration into the curricula of Army branch schools (Infantry, Artillery, Special Forces, etc.). Your appearance at Fort Leavenworth would be interpreted as further clear evidence of your interest and support of theater and tactical commanders' concerns.

4. Should you choose to accept the invitation, there are number of topics which would be suitable for your talk. Some of these are:

- a. Your recent trip to Europe and impressions received.
- b. A substantive review of topical matters--similar to your presentation to Congress.

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c. A more narrowly focused substantive review of military intelligence matters (the threat from your perspective).

d. Your concept of the role of the DCI and the CIA in the Federal Government.

5. I recommend you accept the invitation. I also recommend that you plan on flying to Fort Leavenworth the morning of 25 January to arrive in time for lunch, and remain overnight. I will arrange for the preparation and coordination of your remarks on your choice of topics.


Edward B. Atkeson

Accept: _____

Decline: _____

Choice of topics for presentation:

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